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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: CASE OF ANDREI ASHER

REF: STATE 94521

1. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE URGENT ENQUIRIES FROM NUMEROUS SOURCES RE ASHER CASE (REFTEL). APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFO EMBASSY MAY HAVE NOW, EVEN IF FURTHER ENQUIRIES IN THE CASE ARE CONTEMPLATED.

2. EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO INFORM GOR OF THE WIDE-SPREAD CONCERN GENERATED BY THE REPORTS OF ASHER'S DEATH SENTENCE AMONG THOSE IN AND OUT OF CONGRESS WHO ARE ALSO CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN SCRUTINY OF THE TRADE RELATIONS AGREEMENT, AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT WHICH CARRYING OUT THE ALLEGED SENTENCE WOULD EVIDENTLY HAVE HERE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY THAT DEATH PENALTY UNLIKELY TO BE IMPOSED UNLESS IN CASES OF HIGH TREASON

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DURING WARTIME. IF THAT IS INDEED TRUE, IT WOULD BE

HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO REPORT THIS TO INTERESTED PARTIES.
EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF DEGREE TO WHICH DEATH SENTENCE/
PENALTY EMPLOYED IN ROMANIA WOULD THEREFORE ALSO BE
APPRECIATED.

4. WE HAVE JUST HEARD UNCONFIRMED RUMOR THAT NICOLAU,
FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ROMCHIM, HAS BEEN EXECUTED
FOR AN "ECONOMIC CRIME." DOES EMBASSY HAVE ANY INFO
BEARING ON NICOLAU'S FATE? KISSINGER

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